

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully provide the following remarks related to the claim amendments submitted above.

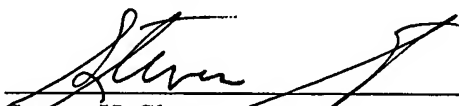
Claims 1 – 25 are un-amended from their form in U.S. Patent No. 6,346,476 as issued. Claims 26 – 34 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 26 – 34 have been added to more comprehensively claim the subject invention. No new subject matter has been added by the claims, and the new claims are fully supported in the specification, as demonstrated in the Attached appendix entitled Status of Claims and Support for Claim Changes, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c). The support shown in the Appendix is by way of example only and Applicants make no representation that the identified support is the only or best support for the claims. Other support than that specifically cited in the Appendix may be found in the specification, drawings, and original claims, as well.

Please enter the above amendments before consideration of this application. Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that Examiner pass the case to reissuance. Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to address any questions or concerns regarding the present reissue application.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

Claims	Status	Support
1 – 25	Pending	Unamended
26	Pending	Col. 8, line 41 – col. 9, line 26
27	Pending	Col. 8, lines 41-48
28	Pending	Col. 8, lines 41-48
29	Pending	Col. 7, lines 61-67
30	Pending	Col. 7, lines 23-32
31	Pending	Col. 9, lines 14-26
32	Pending	Col. 7, lines 39-60
33	Pending	Col. 7, lines 23-60
34	Pending	Col. 7, lines 23-60